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THE REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA

By CLEMENT C. GILL, Theolog.

ARTICLE IV.

The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the Czar, and one of his chief advisers, begins another page in the Russian Revolution. Coming as it does so soon after assurances of quiet and expressions of confidence in the omnipotent arm of military power, this event reminds one of the calm and peacefulness with which the residents of St. Pierre slept while Pelee thundered, until the wretched city woke to meet what some still regard as the certain and unerring penalty imposed by slow but sure retributive justice. The murdered man was said to have exercised an influence over his royal nephew unequalled by any of the Imperial Councillors and also to have opposed every suggestion of toleration on which the Czar looked with favor, and even the blame for the recent wholesale "slaughter of the innocents" on the banks of the Neva was laid at his door. How true all this is perhaps none outside the Grand Ducal ring will ever know, but his awful death seems a terrible price to pay for the privilege of oppression and the pleasure of massacre.

It was a terrible deed, bloody and rashly done, but it was the logical outcome of disturbed conditions, and should occasion no surprise. All must certainly agree with the Pope that it is much to be regretted that men should seek "relief in violence," but all will see in this event the natural relation between cause and effect. The deed was murder, and cannot be excused; except indeed, on the ground that good and sufficient cause is good and sufficient excuse. We accept the proposition and regret that the cause ever existed.

Men do not cry out for nothing, and when they cry, it were well if somebody heard, and somebody answered. But if for bread men receive serpents; if in answer to humble earnest petitions the reply comes "my father made your yoke heavy but I will make it heavier" then it is idle to suppose that men will willingly submit to tyranny and oppression as though they were all the apostles of peace endeavoring to hasten the millennial era. And so while we cannot condone their crime, if our sympathies go out at all they must go toward the men who, goaded to desperation, make a demonstration against self assuming absolutism, or throw a bomb against a pillar of autocratic tyranny. Murder is wrong, and by no mathematical or other calculation can any number of wrongs make right, but when we are through with a sickly sentiment, and are prepared to view things through unjaundiced eyes, we shall see in every event a logical sequence to a series of events or a natural climax to a trend of circumstances.

Theological Notes.

Christianity puts a new and greater value upon natural qualities and impulses. Not one of these has to be abandoned when one becomes a Christian. Christian merriment is sunnier than any other. Christian heartiness is the heartiest of all. Happiness is always promoted by the love of Christ. Even anger, under some conditions, may be consecrated. "Be ye angry and sin not." The test principle is the use one makes of all these natural feelings; for all of them may be used righteously and innocently.—Forward.

The regular monthly meeting of the Livingstone Missionary Society was held on Friday evening, Feb. 17th. The following interesting program was rendered: "Facts about Mission Work" was the subject of an interesting and instructive paper by Mr. E. S. Swan. An address by Mr. Edward Rudlock, "The Foreign Missionary Spirit." Mr. Rudlock gave a very accurate account of the origin of the great Missionary Societies and the great zeal with which they prosecuted their work in foreign fields. The feature of the program was the very interesting and appreciative paper by Miss Poindexter, a deaconess of the M. B. church. She spoke of the "Work of the Woman's Home Mission Society," which was well received by both students and faculty. The society is grateful to Miss Poindexter and to Miss Loyd for their kind visit. Appropriate remarks were made by Prof. Clark, the dean, and Prof. Howell.

Nature's Warning to Animals.

At the opening of the present winter scientists and others not scientists were disposed to ridicule the signs of severe weather so generally accepted by the common folks in the rural districts. The goose bone, the heavy crop of nuts, the thick fur of rabbits, muskrats, otter and beaver and the extra work of the latter on their habitations were laughed at as the ignorant superstition which tradition had sanctified. It was asked how could a beaver know anything about the weather when the meteorologists were unable to venture a prediction, and it was even more senseless to suppose that the furs of animals should be accommodated to the season when man, so much higher in nature's scale, was given no warning whatever.

Well, all of these signs were observable last fall in abundance, and the scientists will probably admit that the winter has been at least somewhat nishish. Post hoc, propter hoc is an argument often employed by the

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When the colored race has reached a stage of development equal to that of the whites, will the race problem then be solved, or will it be greater than ever? Is it when one man is the acknowledged subordinate to another or when they begin to measure shoulder to shoulder, that the greater friction is produced? Most writers condition the solution of the problem exclusively upon some future condition of the Negro; and ignore the fact that the greater amount of effort must be spent in teaching his white brother to recognize the fundamental principles of this government and to make a distinction between civil and social equality.

To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but these without capitulation, above all on the same grim conditions, to keep friends with himself, here is a task for all that man has of fortitude and delicacy.

Many speakers try to appeal to us and win applause by speaking of the evils of slavery. That slavery was a bad institution everyone concedes. Why not cease to discuss it? Let the thoughts of it die away together with those odious old slave songs like "Massa's gwine ter sell us down Georgia," etc.

Some pertinent quotations:

Our duty is not dependent on our dispositions. We may feel cross, but that does not relieve from the duty of being kind and acting courteously. We may feel weak, but we must be strong.

It is true that a soft answer turneth away wrath. It is true conversely that an angry answer does not promote gentleness. Kindness disarms anger, and anger destroys kindness. Petulance and irritability wear away gentleness and goodness. Even the patience of God will not endure wrong forever.

At a mass meeting held last Wednesday under the auspices of the Council of Upper Classmen, it was decided that the University be represented in the Inaugural parade by a body of young men wearing caps and gowns. Those wishing to take part should see F. J. Morton, of the College of Arts and Sciences, who will be able to furnish full equipment.

The Alpha Phi has been having very interesting meetings ever since its renaissance. In the last meeting Mr. O. B. Jefferson won some distinction in discussing the proposed whipping post law. Visitors are always welcome and are at liberty to take part in the discussions.

Old students of the University will remember the time when the efforts of the choir offered sufficient reason for their not inviting their friends to the Sunday Chapel exercises. This excuse, at least, is no longer practical. Those who attended the Song Service last Sunday can appreciate the great metamorphosis made by Mr. Craig Williams. All went away pleased except possibly a few who did not like the sentiment expressed in the plantation songs. It is doubtful whether thoughts of debasement and suppression, suggested by slave songs, are at all elevating; but whatever might have been the feeling aroused, it is certain that they were either wholly forgotten or in bold contrast to the esthetic effect of the sweet soothing strains of "Rock of Ages" so excellently rendered by Miss Kelly, who might well be called the second Scheunman Hienk.

Mr. Wade says he would like to paraphrase the little poem about Maud Muller raking hay.

The trouble in having a friend in Miner Hall is that you are expected to bear that friend's financial burdens.

We expect many of our young men to become seriously ill before the first of March or immediately after.

A certain refreshment committee on trying to decide how much ice cream they should purchase for the young ladies of the class were at a loss until one thoughtful fellow looked in his arithmetic and found:

ONE GAL. 4 QUARTS.

How does the professor know that the question he selects for you is just about a quarter of a page from where you stopped studying?

Cresco, Latin for "I grow," is the ambitious name of a city in Iowa. The city Council of Cresco, says Everybody's Magazine, has passed a thoughtful set of ordinances for the regulation of barbers. One of the rules forbids barbers to drink intoxicating liquor in business hours.

A wise rule. A razor man needs to be sober as a railroad man. But ought not the shavee to be as abstinent as the shaver? It is a poor rule that won't work both ways.

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NATURE'S WARNING TO ANIMALS.

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scientists. It is not a particularly safe argument unless there have been a good many hoaxes and proper hoaxes; but this is precisely what is claimed by those who contend that nature gives warning of a severe winter. They contend that these signals have been observed for centuries and that they are entitled to the same recognition as science gives to its multiplied experiences.

A Creed.

From the Omaha News.

I believe in cleanliness of body, mind, and soul.

I believe in kindness to man, woman, child, and animal.

I believe in truth because it makes me free.

I believe in the charity that begins at home but does not end there.

I believe in mercy as I hope for mercy.

I believe in moral courage because I am more than a brute.

I believe in righteousness because it is the shortest and best line between two eternities.

I believe in patience because it is the swiftest way to secure results.

I believe in that kind of industry that takes an occasional vacation.

I believe in that sort of economy that spends money for a good purpose.

I believe in honesty not for policy's sake but for principle's sake.

I believe in hospitality because it puts a roof over every man's head.

I believe in obedience because it is the only way to learn how to command.

I believe in self-control because I want to influence others.

I believe in suffering because it chastens and purifies.

I believe in justice because I believe in God.

From a modern edition of Civil Government: "Congress consists of two Houses, the upper and lower. The lower represents political machines; the upper, the conspirators."

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